



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/595,163	03/13/2006	Yuichi Yokoyama	KC-US030570	3666
22919 7590 01/03/2012 GLOBAL IP COUNSELORS, LLP 1233 20TH STREET, NW, SUITE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2680				
EXAMINER HALL, ARTHUR O				
ART UNIT 3718		PAPER NUMBER		
NOTIFICATION DATE 01/03/2012		DELIVERY MODE ELECTRONIC		

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

mailto:giplaw.com

**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/595,163

**Examiner**

ARTHUR O. HALL

**Applicant(s)**

YOKOYAMA, YUICHI

**Art Unit**

3718

**- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address-**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to A Supplemental Response filed on 10/7/2011.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on \_\_\_\_; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 10-12.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF AND/OR INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

/ARTHUR O. HALL/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3718

## **ALLOWANCE**

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art for the features of the claimed invention are Namba et al. (US Patent 6,494,783; hereinafter Namba), Hoshino (JP Patent Application Publication 2001-12949), Rimoto et al. (US Patent 6,503,144; hereinafter Rimoto), Sterchi et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2005/0153764; hereinafter Sterchi).

However, Namba alone or in combination with Hoshino, Rimoto, and Sterchi does not disclose a non-transitory computer readable medium and video game method including

"a video game program that causes a computer to implement a video game that is executed by means of a controller, in which a character and a moving object are displayed on a monitor, and the moving object is dispatched by the character having a dispatching form that is a posture of the character at a point of dispatching the moving object, the video game program comprising: code programed to receive an operation initiation request from the controller in order to cause the character to initiate a dispatch operation until the moving object is dispatched; code programed to display the dispatch operation of the character on the monitor when the operation initiation request is received; code programed to receive a request to dispatch the moving object from the controller when the dispatch operation of the character is continuously displayed on the monitor; code programed to set the point of dispatching the moving object from the character according to a timing at which the dispatch request is received, and to set deviance in a trajectory of the moving object between the point and a destination based on the dispatching form of the character wherein the moving object is controlled to move from the point to the destination on the basis of the deviance; code programed to

display the moving object controlled on the monitor; the code programed to set the point of dispatching the moving object including code programed to control the deviation of the moving object in the trajectory on the basis of the dispatching form of the character, and controlling the point of dispatching the moving object when the dispatch operation of the character is continuously displayed on the monitor."

Thus, the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious over the closest prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARTHUR O. HALL whose telephone number is (571)270-1814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 5:00 pm, Alt Fri, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/ARTHUR O. HALL/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3718